

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT.

OAH Case No. 2015060800

AMENDED ORDER GRANTING
JOINT REQUEST FOR
CONTINUANCE AND SETTING
PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND
HEARING DATES¹

On September 29, 2015, the parties filed a joint request to continue the dates in this matter, based upon the unavailability for hearing of the attorney for Los Angeles Unified School District and because of an interim settlement agreement which calls for a number of assessments to be completed. The request for continuance was accompanied by declarations made under penalty of perjury.

A due process hearing must be conducted and a decision rendered within 45 days of receipt of the due process notice unless an extension is granted for good cause. (34 C.F.R. § 300.515(a) & (c) (2006); Ed. Code, §§ 56502, subd. (f), 56505, subd. (f)(3); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 1020.) As a result, continuances are disfavored. Good cause may include the unavailability of a party, counsel, or an essential witness due to death, illness or other excusable circumstances; substitution of an attorney when the substitution is required in the interests of justice; a party's excused inability to obtain essential testimony or other material evidence despite diligent efforts; or another significant, unanticipated change in the status of the case as a result of which the case is not ready for hearing. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1332(c).) The Office of Administrative Hearings considers all relevant facts and circumstances, including the proximity of the hearing date; previous continuances or delays; the length of continuance requested; the availability of other means to address the problem giving rise to the request; prejudice to a party or witness as a result of a continuance; the impact of granting a continuance on other pending hearings; whether trial counsel is engaged in another trial; whether the parties have stipulated to a continuance; whether the interests of justice are served by the continuance; and any other relevant fact or circumstance. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1332(d).)

¹ The only change in this amended order is the date for the prehearing conference. OAH is unavailable on January 15, 2016, so the date has been changed to January 22, 2016.

OAH has reviewed the request for good cause and considered all relevant facts and circumstances. **No further continuances will be granted in this matter without exceptional good cause.** The request is:

☒ Granted. All dates are vacated. This matter will be set as follows:

Prehearing Conference: January 22, 2016, at 3:00 p.m.

Due Process Hearing: January 26, 2016, at 9:30 a.m., and January 27 and 28, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., and continuing day to day, Monday through Thursday, as needed at the discretion of the Administrative Law Judge.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: October 6, 2015

/s/

MARGARET BROUSSARD
Presiding Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings